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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)) Case No.: 2:14-CR-329-JCM-GWF
Plaintiff,) GOVERNMENT'S MOTION TO RELEASE) DEFENDANT FROM DETENTION AND) TO DISMISS PETITION FOR ACTION ON) CONDITIONS OF PRETRIAL RELEASE)
VS.	
RONALD GENE MORGAN,	
Defendant.))

The United States, by and through Assistant United States Attorney Christina M. Brown, moves the Court to dismiss the Petition for Action on Conditions of Pretrial Release pending further investigation, and to release the defendant from custody subject to the conditions previously imposed. In support, the United States provides as follows:

1. On February 18, 2015, Pretrial Services filed a Petition for Action on Conditions of Pretrial release alleging that on February 5, 2015, the defendant contacted D.M., a victim/potential witness contrary to the conditions of his release. (Doc. 16) Pretrial filed the Petition based on information received from the undersigned and law enforcement that on February 5, 2015, this victim received an email from the same email account the defendant used to communicate with her during the course of the fraudulent scheme. When the victim clicked on a link contained in the email, the word "attack" appeared and shut the computer down.

2. On February 23, 2015, the defendant made his initial appearance before Magistrate Leen on the Petition. The United States moved for detention, arguing that the email was received five days after the defendant's initial appearance on the indictment, during which the undersigned made statements that would have alerted the defendant to the victim's cooperation with law enforcement. Additionally, in a 2012 email to the victim after the victim filed a federal complaint regarding her investment, the defendant threatened that he knew where the victim lived, had her personal identification information, and that if she attempted to put him in jail he would "take [her and her family] down" and "ruin [her] life." The undersigned represented that forensic analysis of the victim's computer was continuing and that information would be provided upon its receipt. The Court ordered the defendant held pending a revocation hearing scheduled for March 12, 2015, before Magistrate Ferenbach.

3. On today's date, the undersigned spoke with the FBI forensic computer examiner, who reported that his continued investigation has revealed that the email the victim received displaying the defendant's email address may have originated in Brazil or Morocco. Absent additional investigation, including MLATs to obtain evidence, the examiner cannot conclusively state whether the email was caused by the defendant or another source spoofing the defendant's email address.

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WHEREFORE, the United States moves the Court to dismiss the Petition for Action on 1 2 Conditions of Pretrial Release and to order the defendant's release from detention under the 3 terms and conditions previously imposed. 4 DATED: March 3, 2015. 5 Respectfully Submitted, 6 DANIEL G. BOGDEN United States Attorney 7 /s Christina M. Brown 8 Christina M. Brown **Assistant United States Attorney** 9 District of Nevada 10 11 CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE The foregoing was served on counsel of record by electronic case filing this the 3rd day 12 of March, 2015. 13 /s Christina M. Brown Christina M. Brown 14 15 SO ORDERED: 16 17 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE 18 19 Dated this 3rd day of March, 2015 20 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Revocation of Pretrial Release set for March 12, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. is 21 VACATED. 22 23 24